IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant: Trafton, et al. Filed: August 26, 2003

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Date: November 30, 2007

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed August 30, 2007, applicant petitions for the two-month extension of the time needed for response, and requests amendment of the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Entry of this amendment will place the application in condition for allowance, thereby removing any need for further action with respect to non-compliance of the Appeal Brief previously filed herein.